

The Spire



May, 2010

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

AWUJOH 2010 Sunday, May 2 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Come join us at our annual multicultural feast, prepared by members of our congregation. Reservations are required due to limited seating. For tickets, please see Theresa Alaeze, Doris Ndlovu, Phil Lee, Edward Smith, Franklin Aidoo, Rhoda, Jonathan or Adelaide Wilson or the Church Office, 410-825-0900. A free will offering will be taken.

Please note there will be one Worship Service on Sunday, May 2nd, at 10 a.m., because of the AWUJOH dinner and the Cluster Choir Festival at Arnolia UMC.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, June 6. We will worship at 8:30 and 10 through the summer, resuming our regular schedule and beginning a new year of Sunday School on Sunday, September 12, the Sunday after Labor Day weekend.

Linda Jones Retirement



The party is on for May 16! Please plan to stay after whichever service you attend to thank Lin for her ministry in our church office for so many years. Delicious refreshments will be served and we'll all have a chance to share our appreciation with Lin. To contribute to her love gift, please place contributions in the offering plate marked as "love gift for Lin Jones" or send them to the church office marked to the attention of Pastor Gayle. Thanks.

Spring Cleanup Garden Party

The weather is warm, the birds are singing, and the flowers and plants are in bloom.

Please come and help the Board of Trustees spruce up the Loch Raven Church grounds on Saturday, May 8th at 8 am. Bring your garden gloves and garden tools and lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the Hospitality area and in the Narthex.

**Rain date—
Saturday, May 15th.**

Thank you for your continued support,

The Board of Trustees



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Cluster Choir Festival hosted by Arnolia UMC Sunday, May 2 4:30 p.m.

Members of Loch Raven are invited to attend and support our choir as well as all the other participating choirs. **Song Yi Park** will be a featured organ soloist.

No tickets are required. A free-will offering will be taken, the proceeds of which will be donated to a local charity.

Arnolia also will be hosting a homemade ham dinner that evening beginning at 6:30 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$13. A craft and jewelry table will also be available. You will need a ticket for the dinner only. If interested, see our Choir Director for your tickets.

Youth News



Calendar of Events:

April 25th

Youth Meeting run by Mary Priebe
 7:00 – 8:30pm

May 9th

Youth Meeting run by Scott and Megan Eshleman
 7:00 – 8:30pm

May 23rd

7 – 8:30pm
 Youth meeting, Ms. Jen returns

All Youth in grades 6th – 12th or ages 12 – 18 are invited to attend any Youth meeting or event. Hope to see you there!

****Please return your film canisters to any Youth or place in the offering plate** Thank you for your support!!!**





Dear
Friends,

As many
of you
know, my
husband
Dick was

admitted to the hospital as a response to some unexplained bleeding on the morning of the Sunday after Easter. He was released after two days of tests, and at this writing, he is doing well. His hospitalization reminded me of some things that might be reminders all of us need from time to time.

First, there are no guarantees about the length of our lives. Each day is a blessing to be received and cherished. Those who seem frail or in poor health can surprise us, and those who seem vigorous and strong can be beset suddenly by illness or injury. Many things are not in our control.

Second, some things are in our control. Whether or not we take care of ourselves is a choice we make. Sometime in life, someone has probably quoted 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 to you. *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. Eating right, getting enough rest and exercise, seeking appropriate medical attention: all of these are acts of stewardship and worship. In doing these things we take care of the bodies God has trusted to us, and*

make ourselves more available for praise and service.

Third, people are precious. We all know that, but sometimes we forget to tell the people in our lives how much they mean to us. We assume they know, and perhaps they do, but a gesture or a word is always a blessing. So if you love someone, tell them. Send that card, give that hug and kiss, smile often, make that call. You never know how many chances you'll have to do these things, so try not to miss any.

Fourth, God is faithful and present – always. God is present in the sanctuary, in the emergency room, in the kitchen at your house, on the bus, in the park. No matter what is going on in your life, good, bad or ugly, God is there with you and you are never alone.

Hymn writer Isaac Watts said it as well as it can be said in the 1700s when he wrote "I Sing the Almighty Power of God."

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there. (stanza 3)

I am thankful for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Gayle

Annual ACTC Food Collection

Loch Raven is one of 40 churches participating in the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. The Center serves 500-600 people each month. Clients can receive a 5-day supply of non-perishable food and a gift card to purchase perishable items. Qualifying clients can also get help with rent, utilities and medicine. Loch Raven supports ACTC through your gifts to the Good Samaritan Fund. Please consider donating one or more of the following items during the month of May:

- spaghetti
- spaghetti sauce
- cereal
- peanut butter
- jelly
- boxed potatoes
- pasta meals
- tuna
- canned meat or chicken
- beef stew
- chili
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- saltines

Education News

May 2nd – due to one worship service at 10am, Sunday School for ALL age groups, will be held at 9am.



**United Methodist
Women**

**Annual Flea Market
Saturday, June 5
9 a.m.—1 p.m.**

To reserve a space for \$15 contact:

Nancy Gillotti—410-823-5187

or

Nancy Harvill—410-828-8271

**Membership
Updates**

Address Change:

Ressie Dovel
8830 Walther Blvd
RGT #106
Baltimore, MD 21234

Robert and Thelma Whisenand
Heart Homes
1420 Front Avenue
Lutherville, MD 21093

Member Deceased:

Ernest W. Jones (Ernie)
March 31, 2010

Address Unknown:

If you know the current address for the following members, please call the Church Office:

Jermaine Carter
Mark Formwalt
Mary Foster
Nancy Hart
Charles Per Dieu
Beatrice Welsh

**45 Seconds From
Broadway**

The Wesley Guild presents *45 Seconds From Broadway* at the Totem Pole Playhouse off of Route 30 in Pennsylvania on Wednesday, June 23rd, followed by a farm-style dinner at the Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant. A bus will depart from Towson UMC at 11:30 am and arrive back at Towson UMC at 8:30 pm. Cost is \$75 per person which includes the show and dinner. For more information and reservations, contact Dorothy Compton, 410-668-8788.

**United Methodist
Women
May Schedule**

Prepared by Betty Shock

“Women in Christ” Circle

Monday, May 3
7:30 p.m.—Room 202
Study: *Growing Through Life’s Challenges*
Lesson 7: Growing Through Depression and Anger

Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, May 4
10 a.m.—Parlor

Ellen Hoover Circle

To be announced

NO GENERAL MEETING

**Reminder: Please submit
pledge cards to Yvonne
Horn**

Mulch Thank You

153 bags of Mulch were purchased by church members which means a donation of \$153 to the New Boiler Fund. Boy Scout Troop 792 would like to thank all those who ordered mulch.

From the Mailbox

To My Loch Raven United Methodist Church Family,

I am healing slowly from my freak accident and I want to thank Rev. Gayle for the visit and Rev. Bob for the call and my Church Family for the caring calls and cards.

Blessings,
Jen Dorsey

Favorite Hymns

Once again, we will be voting for our favorite hymns during the month of May. Those attending worship will be asked to list 3 favorite hymns each of the first 4 Sundays of May. We will tally up the votes, and use hymns selected from your list of favorites for our summer congregational hymn singing. This has been lots of fun the past couple of years. Make sure to come to worship and cast your ballots in May!



Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2010 Galactic Blast July 25th —29th



Full Name: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Any allergies/medications: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Are you or your parents members of Loch Raven UMC: ____YES* ____NO
(*If yes, no need to complete the rest of the form)

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

May we add your address and/or email to our church news mailing lists: ____Yes ____No